

The Book of
JUDGES

Testing the Heart of God's Children



Test of Repentance

Judges 10:1-18

Lesson 10

Introduction

It appears that both Tola the 6th judge and Jair were not warrior judges, but dealt with internal conflicts and resolution. Tola was a man from Issachar. Jair the 7th judge, was from the tribe of Manasseh. He was a man of both wealth and position by the evidence of his 30 donkeys, 30 sons and 30 towns. He judged Israel for 22 years.

Will they never learn? Sin brings suffering! In spite of all their past difficulties, Israel continued to serve more and more foreign deities. They now, not only worship the major Canaanite god's, but they also absorbed the gods of other nations and peoples. The Lord began subjecting them to oppression on two fronts — the Philistines from the west and the Ammonites from the east. "Because the children of Israel were interested in the world, they became controlled by the world. Because they were intrigued by the gods of the Ammonites, they found themselves in bondage to the Ammonites." -Jon Courson

Though after 18 years Israel cried out and confessed their sin, the Lord chastises them for once again forgetting Him and choosing other gods. Instead of raising up a new judge, He turns them over to their own desires. He tells them to cry out to the gods they have chosen to see if they could deliver them.

God shows Himself not only as a God of justice, but of great mercy, "His soul could no longer endure the misery of Israel" 10:16. He loves his backsliding children and disciplines them in order to draw them back into His protecting arms.

BOILING IT DOWN – WHAT DOES IT MEAN?



What **lesson** can I draw from my observations?

State each lesson in a simple sentence (aim for 10 words or less).

Judges 10:1-5 _____

Judges 10:6-9 _____

Judges 10:10-18 _____



REFINED AS GOLD - HOW CAN I APPLY IT?

How should it change me? Ask yourself, "What **course of action** do I need to take to apply each lesson?" (aim for 10 words or less)

Judges 10:1-5 _____

Judges 10:6-9 _____

Judges 10:10-18 _____

CHALLENGE: Use cross-references to find correlating scripture that backs up a main point of the chapter. Summarize your findings in your own words.



STORING UP YOUR TREASURE . . .

What was God's command? Deut. 8:11

What was the difference between Israel's confession in v. 10 and 15 & 16?

Why did God respond differently to Israel's second confession?

How does v 16 give insight into God's character?

What words or phrases are repeated?

CHECKING FOR CLARITY: See if you can boil down the meaning of **each section** into one or two words. This helps you fully understand what the author is trying to convey. (It's fun to alliterate if you want to try) Did you catch the vision?

Judges 10:1-5 _____
Judges 10:6-9 _____
Judges 10:10-18 _____

BARS OF GOLD: State the main **point** of the passage in the form of a title.

FLEX YOUR MUSCLES: Can you discover an N.T. example of this O.T. truth?



HIDE YOUR TREASURE IN YOUR HEART

For godly sorrow produces repentance leading to salvation, not to be regretted; but the sorrow of the world produces death. 2 Cor 7:10

Radiating His Truth . . .

Regret is remorse over the consequences of an act; repentance involves a recognition of our wrong relationship to God and our reordering of our lives around Him. -Gary Inrig

